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Patching society with love and kindness

Patch Adams shares his story with Purdue

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News Editor

Fifty-eight-year-old Patch Adams has led a life of compassion, love and laughter.

Dressed in his clown attire, he spoke from West Virginia via satellite to PUC students about these three things on Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Adams decided after he attended medical school and became a doctor that he wanted to serve humanity through medicine. Adams and other dispirited caregivers opened an institute in 1972 called Gesundheit!, a six bedroom house in which free medical care was provided to those in need. Gesundheit! was run as a pilot test for 12 years. During this time, five to 50 adults were housed each night, and thousands were cared for each year.

Demand for health care grew, Adams knew he needed to expand Gesundheit!. In 1980 Gesundheit! purchased 317 acres of land on a wooded mountain in West Virginia. Since then, they have been working around the clock fundraising. Adams said a full hospital is scheduled to open within four years.

He said Gesundheit! receives over 7,000 applications per year from people who want to work in the hospital, for an annual salary of no more than $3,000.

"Greed and power have affected every part of our society, but there are people out there who want to make society a place for passion and generosity, not money and power," Adams said.

Aside from being a doctor, Adams is also a clown. He has dressed in costume for the past 30 years. He said by dressing in costume every day, no matter where he's going or what he's doing, he cheers up countless numbers of people by making them laugh.

Adams, along with fellow clowns, takes numerous trips per year to suffering countries to try and cheer people up. In 2002, the clowns went to Afghanistan during the war. They visited a hospital where most of the war victims were children who were badly burned or injured in some way. The hospital had no medicine, so the clowns went from room to room trying their best to

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Enriching community through business owners

Entrepreneurship Program focuses on local businesses

NICOLE MACKOWSKI
Managing Editor

Photo provided by the E-Center

Jamaluddin Husain, executive director of the Entrepreneurship center, holds the "Business Creativity and Entrepreneurship" award that the E-Center received from the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education.

Through a balance of presentations and hands-on applications, The Entrepreneurship Program at Purdue University Calumet allows entrepreneurs to focus on their personal goals and creativity, while being able to produce an immediate return on investment.

This approach has proven to be very successful for the E-Center as the center recently received the "Business Creativity and Entrepreneurship" award from the Consortium for Entrepreneurship Education. This is the second award the E-Center has received in the past year.

Jamaluddin Husain, executive director of the Entrepreneurship center, said the E-Center has made itself successful because of the structure of its programs.

Husain said the E-Program is a non-degree, non-academic program, specifically designed for experienced business owners to help them understand the long-term health and wealth of their businesses.

Dave Loutzenhiser, owner of KB Electric in Michigan City for three and a half years, said "after hearing about the E-program from several people, I wanted to see what it had to offer, and hopefully put my businesses priorities in order."

Although working 80 hours a week and then coming here for four hours is demanding, the information helps a person learn before mistakes are made, Loutzenhiser said.

Husain said, "We understand that these business owners work long hours each day, and when they come here we want them to know the program is well worth their time."

Berkeley Honoroff, a former participant of the E-Program who now volunteers his time there, said this program delivers a practical approach that, when added to a business owner's existing knowledge and creativity a positive output is created. Most of the participants usually report significant increases in revenues and profitability.

Honoroff said, "This is a very unique program, there are no textbooks or tests, everyone is equal regardless of what business they own, everyone participates together in the learning process. Because of its program structure the E-center is the only one of its kind in the nation, Honoroff said.

"The E-center focuses on those who already own businesses, not those that want to. Many have tired to replicate our program, we have actively encouraged them to do so, but none have been unsuccessful," Husain said.

The E-program is divided into three segments and runs for 15 months.

Loretta Levin, owner of Levin Eye Care in Whiting for 10 years, said, "The first portion of the program has opened my eyes to take the steps to protect my company and safeguard it."

One major draw to this program is that there are no competing companies in any group, because of this the participants are more willing to disclose certain information and not feel threatened, Levin said.

"The information that we have received has been overwhelming at times, but it helps you see the broader spectrum," Levin said.

Once the educational aspect has been mastered the participants move to segment two that provides a structured forum for participants to apply entrepreneurial skills to a "Client Company".

In the second segment participants are broken down into groups of four or five to create a "consulting company." Each team uses the knowledge gained from the first segment to advise a real business client, a non-competing business.

"This allows participants to apply their recently acquired management skills to some other company first hand," Honoroff said.

Husain said the final segment, which is held at the participants' own businesses, focuses on each individual's business. The group is converted into an "Advisory Board," which meets in Round Table sessions, applying their knowledge and creativity to address the real-world questions of each business owner in the group.

Once participants complete the final segment they go through the shift of being a participant in the program to a more knowledgeable and aware entrepreneur, Honoroff said.

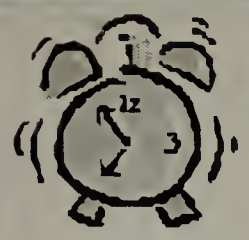
These transition banquets are "legendary," the work of the participants is recognized and they are welcomed as new members to the entrepreneurship club, Honoroff said.

"Members get together to partake in activities outside of the business world, and enjoy each other's company," Honoroff said.

SPORTS: Watson named player of the week! ENTERTAINMENT: Local band: "The Flying Aarons!"

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Need help in applying for financial aid?



'Tis the season to apply for financial aid for the 2004-05 academic year.

Your first and most important step in doing so is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student AID (FAFSA) and submit it for receipt to the federal processor by MARCH 10. The FAFSA is used to determine the amount of need-based assistance for which you can qualify.

A FAFSA form is available in our Enrollment Services Center (LAWS 130).

All continuing and new students must submit a properly completed FAFSA by March 10 to maximize their chances for being considered for all levels of financial aid—federal, state, campus-based, institutional and need-based scholarships—awarded next academic year.

College Goal Sunday, 2/8

To assist Indiana families in applying for financial aid, College Goal Sunday programs are scheduled this Sunday (2/8) statewide.

Purdue Calumet is hosting two such programs at 2 p.m.:

- On campus at The Center (south of 173rd Street)
- Hellenic Cultural Center, 8000 Madison Street, Merrillville

At these College Goal Sunday programs, Purdue Calumet financial aid specialists will assist attendees step by step in filling out the FAFSA.

Students 23 or younger should attend with a parent(s) or guardian(s) and bring the family's completed 2003 IRS 1040 tax return or a draft, W-2 statement(s) and any other 2003 income and benefits-related information.

Students 24 or older may attend alone and bring their own completed 2003 tax return, or other income and benefits-related information.

Assistance received at College Goal Sunday allows students to apply correctly and on time (by March 10) – two key elements in receiving financial aid.

Scholarship availability

Students also can embark on scholarship searches. Scholarships may be based on need, academic strength (merit) alone or a combination of need and merit. Scholarship donors identify the criteria to be met by potential recipients.

March 10 also is the deadline to submit Purdue Calumet's Merit Award Application. These applications are available at the Enrollment Services Center, Lawshe 131, or online at www.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid

In short, the process of attaining financial assistance requires your active involvement and commitment. Many of you can attest to the fact that the process is worth the effort.

Some 55 percent of Purdue Calumet students receive more than $20 million annually in financial assistance—based on need and/or merit.

But unless current students, prospective students and their families follow through appropriately on the FAFSA application process, they likely will miss out on valuable funding for their education.

Other financial aid assistance

To provide guidance and assistance to families in their pursuit of financial assistance, **February has been designated Financial Aid Awareness Month.**

In addition to College Goal Sunday, Purdue Calumet financial aid specialists will be available in the SFLC concourse, this week through Friday (2/5), from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Our Office of Financial Aid also will host a financial aid workshop, Saturday, Feb. 28 at 9 a.m. in Room 131 of Lawshe Hall, during which help in completing the FAFSA, as well as other financial aid information and answers to questions will be provided.

Additionally, throughout February, this *Administration Update* space will be devoted to providing helpful financial aid information for students in their efforts to pursue financial assistance for next academic year.

Click onto the Office of Financial Aid home page

In the meantime, we suggest that you click onto the Office of Financial Aid web site: www.calumet.purdue.edu/finaid. Here you will find comprehensive financial aid information. You also can access scholarship listings and searches; application information; answers to frequently asked financial aid-related questions, and more!

Further information about financial aid and related services also can be obtained by:

- visiting the Office of Financial Aid, located in the Enrollment Services Center, LAWSHE 130,
- e-mailing the Office at: finaid@calumet.purdue.edu or
- phoning 219/989-2301 or 800/HI-PURDUE, ext. 2301 (just use ext. 2301 from campus phones).

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What's Goin' On?

A look around campus

Society for Human Resource Management to host first guest speaker of the semester

Society for Human Resource Management will have Shelby L. Topping, the training and performance development specialist, at PUC. Topping has led key campus areas in the development of a performance management system. She will share her career experience and knowledge at the next SHRM meeting on February 3 at 5:15 in Anderson 311. All majors welcome. If you have any questions, email us at pucshrmpres@yahoo.com

CCLD is currently seeking new Orientation Leaders

The Center for Career and Leadership Development seeks friendly faces to become Orientation Leaders. Leaders must attend a training session and be students of freshman through junior standing and have a strong commitment to the program. Events will be 8 hours and are held as follows: once a week April through July and three a week in August. For further information and an application, call Tiffany or Michele at (219) 989-4160 or send an e-mail to sanchezt@calumet.purdue.edu

Get published: Skylark now accepting submissions

Purdue University Calumet Literary Magazine is now accepting poetry and short stories for the Spring 2004 edition. Send submissions to Karen A. Tomaszewski English and Philosophy Department CLO 216 or to tomaszewskik1@calumet.purdue.edu.

Health Department offers free HIV/AIDS testing

The Gary Health Department will be performing free HIV/AIDS testing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 9 in SFLC 305 and CLO 314. No appointment is necessary. Results will be available on Feb. 26. For more information, contact the Wellness Center at (219) 989-2709.

TV Room Task Force to gather students feedback

The TV Room Task Force Committee will conduct informational sessions on Feb. 4 and 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in SFLC 100 (TV Room) to gather feedback from students on how to improve the TV Room and Game Room areas. Students with ideas and suggestions are asked to attend.

Sigma Lambda Gamma to host "Spring Rush"

The ladies of Sigma Lambda Gamma invite all interested women to attend their "spring rush". Informational meetings will be held in SFLC 305 on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. For more information contact Victoria Varela at (219) 614-3017 or visit www.sigmalambdagamma.com.

Purdue Theatre Company announces auditions

The Purdue Theatre Company announces auditions for their upcoming spring musical, "Chess". Auditions will be held on the third floor of SFLC in the Alumni Hall on Wednesday, Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, Feb. 26 at 7 p.m. For more information contact the Theatre Company at (219) 989-2357.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship to hold meeting

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship invites you to our Thusday night meetings: The Edge from 8-9:30 p.m. in SFLC Room with a View (next to cafeteria). We will have a speaker, music, and you'll get a chance to hang out and have fun! The speaker will focus on our topic for this week's meeting: "Being a Witnessing Community."

Submitting Briefs

Anyone interested in publicizing events, clubs, organizations or departments in "What's Goin' On?" must submit briefs the Monday before publication. The Chronicle is published on Mondays. The Chronicle does not guarantee placement of briefs submitted.

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take the pain away by laughter.

"I'm seeking out suffering, I want to use the power of love and laughter, which are the best medicines for human life," Adams said.

The clowns also traveled through the streets of the damaged cities, performing tricks and making people laugh.

After the trip was over, a documentary called "Clowning in Kabul" was made.

Adams also inspired the 1998 film, "Patch Adams," starring Robin Williams.

Near the end of the presentation he gave students the advice he said has helped him make it this far.

"Once you have your intentions you have an opportunity to put those intentions forward," Adams said. "You can make things happen."

PUC students Gina Ferrantella, psychology major, and Dave Bailey, secondary education major, found Adams to be very inspirational.

"It's inspiring to have seen someone who cares that much about people," Ferrantella said. "It's great to see him out there trying to make the world a better place."

Bailey said, "He was amazing and inspirational, I want to be a better person after seeing him."

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Patch Adams (middle) and two other clowns work in Cuba in 2001 to cheer people up.

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Giving to non-profit organizations

According to the International Mass Retail Association, the typical American household spends over $1,130 on gifts during the holiday. People feel generous during this time of the year and enjoy giving gifts to one another. Some people even feel generous enough to take time to help others. Some give to non-profit organizations, such as the Salvation Army, while others prefer to volunteer their time at the local homeless shelter.

The ultimate humanitarian, Mother Theresa, once said these words: "Give until it hurts, until you feel the pain." There are countless numbers of non-profit organizations in the U.S. that need help. These organizations do what they can to make the world a better place, and in turn, due to the economy and lack of funds, they are left suffering. They accept donations and volunteers all year long, not just during the holidays.

One such organization, right here in the Calumet Region, is the Humane Society. They have been facing the biggest financial struggle in 10 years. They do not receive any state or federal funding and their facility costs $1,400 a day to run. The finances are so tight right now that they are unable to accept any new animals.

Living costs in the winter tend to be more due to utility bills. People who can't afford these bills, due to job losses and the suffering economy, are left homeless, without anywhere to turn except the local homeless shelter. The Christian Community Action Board has just launched a campaign to build additional homeless facilities in Porter County. The Spring Valley Homeless Shelter in Valparaiso has been full, and not able to accept any more people at this time.

Churches have also been suffering. People haven't been able to give weekly due to lack of money, but the church is often the first place people go to when in financial distress.

It is important for people, who are able, to step up and volunteer their time and extra money. These organizations cannot function without any support.

As reported, 7,000 humanitarians apply to Patch Adam's Gesundheit! Institute per year, for a hospital job that pays an annual salary of $3,000.

Realistically, not everyone can afford to make only $3,000 annually, but everyone can afford to volunteer one day per month at a local non-profit organization, or maybe forego an extra $5 to donate to an organization in need.

Non-profit organizations are not difficult to find. Phone books and area churches are good directories to use to find the nearest non-profit organization. .

Giving should not just take place during the holidays; it should take place all year long. Everyone is capable of supporting a non-profit organization through volunteering time or money.

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PUC helping economic growth

NICOLE MACKOWSKI
Managing Editor

The many job losses which have recently occurred from the steel mills closing are not only impacting the steel businesses themselves, but many of the supporting industries are closing due to lack of business as well. Many people in the region have been left without jobs, looking aimlessly in search of the silver lining in their currently gray skies. However, instead of looking for this lining it is necessary for these people and for the local businesses as well to change their focus in order to endure this time of economic hardship, and to ultimately survive.

That is why the Entrepreneurship Center at Purdue University Calumet has been proven to be so beneficial. It is through the Entrepreneurship Center's commitment to the success and growth of business owners that our region will once again strive.

The goal of the Entrepreneurship Center is to work with local business owners to create a strong and growing regional economy. This goal is based on the fact that the local economic development of any region is directly influenced by, and is dependent upon the strengths of its local industries and businesses. The training and knowledge that is received by the owners during their participating in the Entrepreneurship program allows them to take the information that they received and apply it to their businesses to improve their personal and financial relationships within the community. Indeed the Purdue University itself is expanding and therefore creating more jobs and helping create a more stable economic environment. However, PUC should look outside of its own growth and look into creating more hands-on learning experiences, such as more internship or more classes where an actual product needs to be produced that students can take and show at interviews. Therefore enabling students to be better prepared to enter the working world. For example, the problems in public relations course helps students understand what running a public relations firm is really like. Also, working in a student organization also builds leadership and job skills that can be later used in business practice. PUC should continue to promote these types of classes, organizations and activities because that is what college is all about; it prepares us for the work force. PUC is doing this and should be commended for its commitment to helping the economic growth of the region.

Attention:

On Thursday Jan. 29 between 9:30pm-10:30pm, two white males attempted to steal three ceiling mounted projectors from CLO 154 and 155 and one from Gyte 21. Anyone that may have seen these two subjects and could assist our investigation, contact campus police at 989-2221.

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SGA and the need for Alcohol

JASON RUDY
Staff Writer

According to Richard Garcia, president of the SGA, the main purpose of the SGA is "to represent and voice the concerns of the student body on matters which directly affect the welfare, well being and education of PUC students." With that said, it's only natural that the SGA is in the process of...collecting signatures to bring alcohol back to campus events? I had no idea drinking alcohol improved my welfare, well being and education.

Is this a high priority? What else could possibly be more important? Geez, I don't know, how about arguing the newly required freshman experience course. Is this really necessary to the school's strategic plan for increasing graduating students?

Or maybe making sure that PUC's housing plans are for the betterment of the entire school community and not for a statistical increase in graduation. How necessary is the account for paper usage in the CLO computer lab? Lastly, show your faces. Who are you?

The SGA has been missing in action for too long, and I hope supporting a student's need for alcohol isn't your triumphant return. The SGA is not an after school club or a hang out. You have responsibilities. The students have needs. Your crusade for alcohol rewards student organizations, not the student body.

According to Margaret De Dios, the executive secretary for SGA, drinking alcohol at general events makes, "student's experiences at PUC more like that of other colleges, and less like high school." Who told you that? Is that your personal opinion? Alcohol at a college is a pathetic cliché that should be avoided at all costs. Drinking alcohol does not make us more of a college, nor does it separate us from a high school. This mentality makes us more of a high school than anything else. I'm not attacking people who drink, but I'm just really confused as to why the SGA sees this as important.

As of right now, if someone was interested in politics, the SGA is not a place to call home. In fact, if things don't turn around soon, the SGA will slowly become obsolete. This is especially true if this year's election holds the same limp power as the last one.

I plead with the SGA to hear my voice of concerns. Please attend more committees and meetings and keep me informed on important issues. Also, how about some steady office hours? Please put this alcohol thing on the backburner. You're ruining the image and reputation of what the SGA should represent. Remember, you are the voice of the student body, my voice, and we would like to be heard.

Correction:

Last week The Chronicle listed Barbara Synos as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. This is inaccurate. She is the assistant to the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs, Nabil Ibrahim. The Chronicle regrets this error.

Holden continues helping minority students

SCOTT REESE
Staff Writer

Victor Holden, associate director of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action, has worked at PUC for only five years, but has already left a strong impression.

Holden has largely been responsible for helping minority students earn their way into graduate school. Prior to his current position at the university, Holden worked in the McNair center as a coordinator, where his duties included fiscal planning, as well as running workshops geared at helping students get into graduate school.

Holden said his time in McNair helped to prepare him for the challenges he faces in his new job.

"I was able to learn more about the area, and especially get a better idea in terms of the makeup of the students here at Purdue Calumet and northwest Indiana as a whole," Holden said.

Holden said there needs to be some change in attitude regarding his new department. He said there are some misconceptions that need to be cleared up.

"A lot of people feel as though affirmative action only caters to black or Latino students. One of my main goals is to allow for everyone to feel they are welcomed here. I want people of all racial backgrounds to know they have a place here. I would like to see more females hired into different departments," Holden said.

Holden also helps disabled people find work. He serves as a professional and personal counselor and a tutor.

Heshla Watson, a McNair secretary, who previously worked with Holden characterized him as a strong leader and a hard worker.

"He helped every student who visited McNair with what he or she needed. He is a go-getter, and finishes everything he starts," Watson said.

One aspect of college life at PUC that Holden finds exciting is the impending opening of student dorms.

"I think having student housing here will further promote diversity and enable students to interact with people from all walks of life, in some cases, races and cultures which are unfamiliar to them," Holden said.

Holden said this would create a positive affect far reaching beyond the school grounds. "There is a lot of potential for northwest Indiana to become a very diverse place to live," Holden said. "That could really improve the quality of life here," he said.

Photo courtesy of the university

Victor Holden, associate director of Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action

Entrepreneurship center not just for center participants

NICOLE MACKOWSKI
Managing Editor

The E-center does not strictly consist of the E-program, but has several other programs geared toward other types of entrepreneurs and businesses, Husain said.

The Sounding Board is a free program, which provides an opportunity for business owners and managers to discuss their business issues and problems with other business owners and professionals.

"It allows owners to bounce ideas off of volunteers who have gone through the program, the people that have been there and done that," Honoroff said.

The 'Sounding Board' is held in a secure environment to allow participants to feel comfortable when disclosing information about their businesses, Honoroff said.

Here business owners can discuss their day-to-day problems regarding their businesses that are not things they can "take home to their spouses," or issues that they can discuss with their employees, Honoroff said.

The "E-Speakers" program is also geared toward the community. The entrepreneurs present information to students of colleges, universities, and high schools to inform them about the world of entrepreneurship, Honoroff said.

"The majority of E-Speakers have gone through the E-Program and are looking to volunteer their information to give back to the community. These business-owners sacrifice their time and energy to share their knowledge and experiences with students," Honoroff said.

The E-Center has numerous programs to offer both the community and entrepreneurs who are looking to attain more knowledge about the world of entrepreneurship, Husain said.

Husain said the "Opportunity Program" is geared towards experienced business owners who are on the lookout for new business opportunities, and have the necessary will and resources available to identify and pursue economic opportunities.

"The "O Program" provides an in-depth hands-on experience in identifying economic and business opportunities that entrepreneurs may seriously consider pursuing," Husain said.

Husain said, this is not a training program; it is a four-month workshop designed to allow participants, who work with a personal consultant, to identify and work on their own ideas. He said individual progress will be monitored by the respective consultants, the end result will be a detailed confidential "opportunity notebook."

"We are always looking at new ideas and possible new programs, and we owe a lot to Margaret Havens, the Entrepreneurship center's office manager.

Without her time and effort in preparing for activities and events so much would be lost, Husain said.

Havens said, "I'm glad to be a part of the Center, not too many places can offer programs like ours."

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Entertainment

‘Flying Aarons’ on the Rise

Photo by Esteban Garcia

The Flying Aarons from left to right: vocalist Aaron Gonsiorowski, guitarist/bassist Tom Howell, guitarist/bassist Nick Jones, and keyboardist/vocalist Andy Jones.

ESTEBAN GARCIA
Staff Writer

“The band’s future is brighter than the sun,” flying Aaron Gonsiorowski, vocalist for the local band *The Flying Aarons*, said. “We’re more exciting than the whole ‘Mars probe’ thing. The president should ask Congress to fund The Flying Aarons instead of exploring Mars.”

For the unfamiliar, Gonsiorowski offers the following origin of the band, “We started our awesome band to make fun of lesser bands, really. My friends in high school were running around saying they were in bands and taking it all so seriously…I remember telling this dude, ‘I can put together a band that’s better than yours in a day.’ And I did.”

The belief that bands should be less serious is one shared by all members of The Flying Aarons.

When discussing live shows, the band members perk up and become visibly excited, especially since they have a show coming up at the Muse Café in Lansing, Ill., on February 13. When asked what one could expect from their upcoming show, the unanimous answer was catharsis, escapism and, since the show is right before Valentine’s Day, love.

Tom Howell, guitarist/bassist, said, “The Flying Aarons are like love in that they’re both universally celebrated, so we figured, ‘why not put the two together?’”

Nick Jones said, “Our live shows are a roller coaster of thrills, kind of like the Iron Wolf, since everyone’s standing. On stage, we’ve proven time and time again to be the best local band of all time—even members of (local bands) Groovatron and O-So-E-Z have told us that we’re their favorite band ever.”

“The driving force behind The Flying Aarons is to do something that no one else is doing locally in terms of music, performance and overall concept. We bring variety to an otherwise bland regional music scene,” Andy Jones said. “We don’t try to keep up with the Joneses. We are the Joneses.”

Despite the time spent on making the shows “Vegas-like,” Gonsiorowski said the music does not suffer from it.

Greg Reed, drummer, said, “All our songs are jam-packed with melody and deep, meaningful lyrics.... We like the fact that when people hear us for the first time, it’s not apparent who our influences were, because we influence others more than they influence us, you know?”

“In the last year or so, we’ve written about 1,200 songs...it was difficult choosing which ones were going to make it on the CD,” Gonsiorowski said.

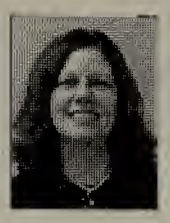
The band is currently in the process of recording “One...More...Time!” their debut album, which will be available in the spring.

“It will also include a VCD with music videos and a documentary by (PUC graduate) Eric Sera, proving we’re the ninth wonder of the world, the eighth being Andre the Giant, of course,” Gonsiorowski added.

At their Febuary 13th show at the Muse Cafe, the band promises something special for the audience.

Andy Jones said, “We’re going to give away a free...something for people who bring this article to the show. I don’t want to ruin the surprise, but it’s round and shiny and has music on it.” He said, “If you’re going to drive to our show, come early while there are still parking spaces available. We recommend public transportation, as the adrenaline aftermath of a Flying Aarons show can make driving home dangerous.

Heels and a suitcase



JORDAN HESTERMANN
Entertainment Editor

In recent months I have been shopping many times looking for two particular items: shoes and purses. I have been to most of the stores in the northwest Indiana area. My result has been nothing.

Finding cute purses is not the problem. There are many cute purses out right now, little handbags with sequined designs, oriental patterns, or designer fabrics. Many of these purses are quite beautiful, however, not many of them are practical.

The idea of carrying around a tiny suitcase everywhere I go is not appealing to me. I find it quite annoying, yet I am stuck having to do so because of lack of options.

I don’t understand why there are barely any purses with shoulder straps anymore. Purses with shoulder straps are so much easier to manage. Many times I would put my purse on across my shoulder and not have to worry about it all night. Now, I either have to stuff everything into my pockets (cell phone, wallet, etc) and look bulky all night, or carry the tiny suitcase around, never putting it down so it doesn’t get stolen.

The purse with the shoulder strap is ideal. And yes, there are still some purses being sold that have shoulder straps. However, many times the straps are child size and if I put it across my shoulder it ends up in my armpit which is not exactly comfortable, besides being really stupid looking.

Now, I’ll talk about shoes. I began searching for a new pair of shoes. This was months ago and I am still looking. The problem with shoes is that someone came up with the bright idea of putting heels on all shoes except tennis shoes. I guess the person who came up with the tiny suitcase idea thought it would be just perfect if the woman walked around on her toes while carrying it.

Heels are great when the clothes are appropriate and not a lot of walking, or moving in general, is involved. The idea of wearing heels brings to mind the image of my ankle snapping. Right now I am pretty much stuck wearing my tennis shoes with everything I wear because I am unable to find flat shoes.

There has to be a line drawn between fashionable and practical. I don’t see any reason a purse with a shoulder strap cannot be as fashionable as the tiny suitcase handbag. And I certainly don’t see why fashionable flat shoes are becoming extinct. I wonder what these designers are walking around with. Maybe someone carries them and their tiny suitcases around wherever they go, so they can wear their heels.

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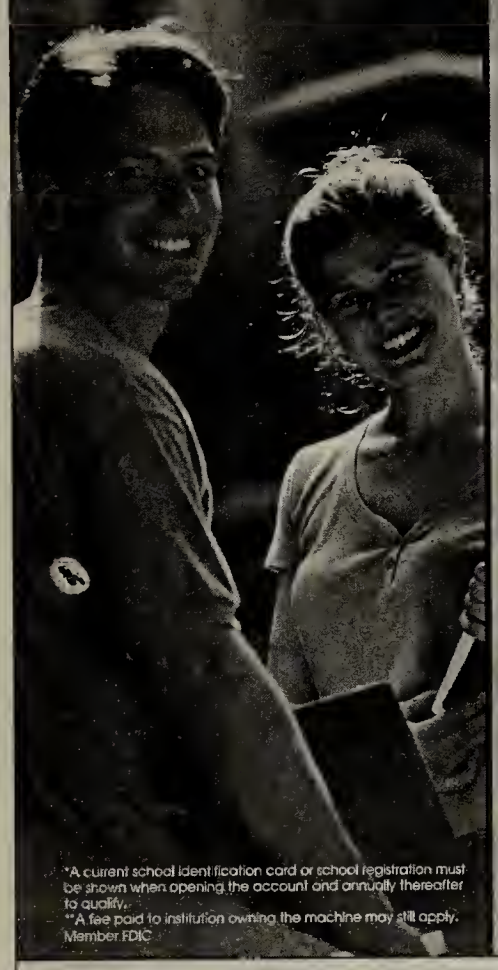

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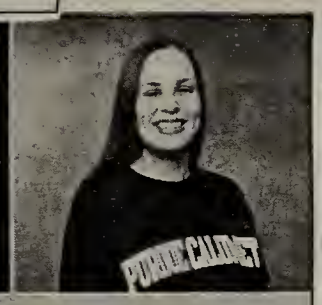

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Challenge spurs winning for Lady Lakers

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

Assistant coach Rick Sullivan issued a challenge to the team during the Lady Lakers 10-game road trip that spanned the second half of November and all of December.

During the road trip, Sullivan made a bet with the Lady Lakers to win 21 or more games this season. If the team accomplishes that goal, the first year assistant coach will have his naturally brown hair bleached to California blonde.

"It was my idea, I kind of put my foot in my mouth, but it kind of comes back to bite you," Sullivan said.

"When we get to 20 wins, I'm going to Walgreens to buy the dye and have it ready," Sullivan said.

The bet between Sullivan and the Lady Lakers has helped motivate the team to play better. The Lady Lakers have placed themselves as the early leaders in the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference race. Currently, they are 3-0 in conference play and 17-6 overall as of January 28.

So far, the Lady Lakers have not lost a game at home. They have gone 8-0 at home, which includes a forfeit win over I.U. Northwest when they were scheduled to come play at PUC on January 8.

However, the early highlight of conference play was an 88-82 overtime victory over two-time defending CCAC champion St. Xavier in the PER building on January 17. The Lady Lakers had lost eight straight games to St. Xavier before that win.

Despite the winning ways of the Lady Lakers this season, they have only made honorable mention in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics top 25 polls the last two weeks. In contrast, St. Xavier has been ranked 22nd in the NAIA polls the last two weeks.

Head coach Dennis Smith said that for the CCAC to get more national respect, the Lady Lakers have to continue winning. Smith supports Sullivan's bet as a way to keep the team motivated.

"I think it's great. It will bring this team together and should bring a better atmosphere," Smith said.

Should the Lady Lakers win their 21st game of the season on the road, they will color Sullivan's hair at the first home game after that victory.

"I think he should color his hair now," junior guard Lisa Cowper said. "It won't be like winning the conference, but it will motivate us."

The Lady Lakers last won the CCAC title in 1999. They also won CCAC titles in 1996 and 1998, and they also appeared in the NAIA national tournament in 1996.

Even though Sullivan is in his first year as an assistant, he had watched this team frequently the previous two seasons.

His daughter, junior guard/forward Jenny Sullivan came to the Lady Lakers two seasons ago, when they finished with a 10-21 record. Last year, the team finished with a 14-18 record. This year, the team has gelled into a contender for the CCAC championship, as they have already exceeded their win total from last season.

"I'm just glad they are winning now. We make everything fun for these players, but there is a lot of serious activity that goes on, such as yelling at each other to motivate," Sullivan said. "I believe that these girls are capable of winning 25 games."

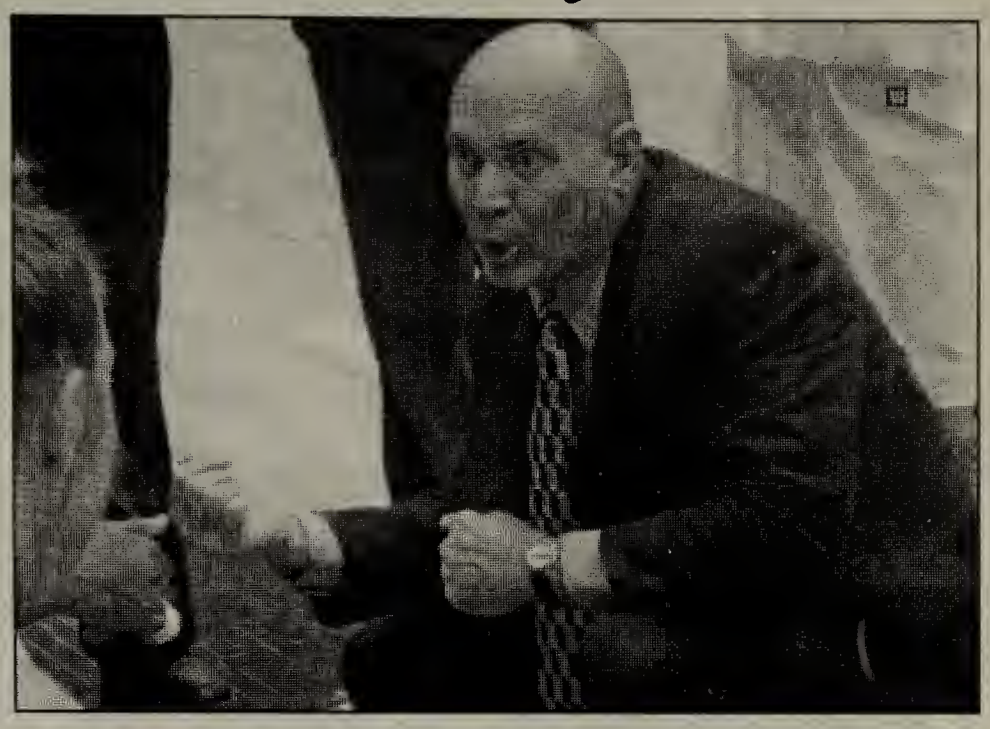

Photo By Dave Thompson

Dennis Smith is currently having his best season as Lady Lakers head coach since taking the job in 2000. As of January 28, the Lady Lakers are 17-6 and in first place in the CCAC. But it is not Smith making a side bet with the team to win more than 20 games this season.

Watson gives Lady Lakers back-to-back
CCAC player of the week honors

FRANK SPRANKLE
Sports Editor

Junior guard/forward La'Sharon Watson was named Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference player of the week for January 26.

This marks the second consecutive week that a Lady Laker has been honored with CCAC player of the week along with being nominated for the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Division I national player of the week.

Two weeks ago, senior guard/forward Kristen Brown was named CCAC player of the week. She has led the Lady Lakers in scoring this season, averaging 13.8 points per game.

Watson has noticed the difference in the Lady Lakers winning ways this season.

"My freshman year we did not know each other well, then last year we were coming together," Watson said. "Last year even though we lost 12 games within five points, we did not have the chemistry that we have now."

In the Lady Lakers 67-66 win on January 24 over Robert Morris at the PER building, Watson collected a team high 16 points and seven rebounds. On the defensive end, she has led the Lady Lakers with 53 steals in games played through January 28.

Watson has also been pleased with the support her team is starting to receive. Watson said that fans have noticed the team playing with a lot of fire and that the fans believe the Lady Lakers could go to the NAIA national tournament.

This is the first time in Watson's days of playing organized basketball that she has come close to winning a title. She hopes to be part of a Lady Lakers team that has not claimed a CCAC title in five years.

"When we come to practice, we look at the pictures of past teams that won conference. This is the closest I have come to help winning a banner," Watson said.

Upcoming Lakers and Lady Lakers Home Games

Lakers Home Games

Wednesday Feb. 4 vs. Illinois Tech
Tip-Off: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 14 vs. Olivet Nazarene
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